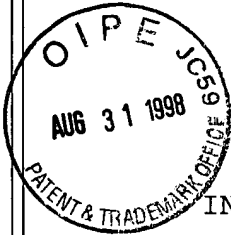


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Sir:

REQUEST AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Request is hereby made for an extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action mailed in the above-identified application on March 26, 1998. The initially-set three month period for response expired on June 26, 1998. A response to the Office Action is filed herewith on this 26th day of August 1998. A two-month extension is accordingly sought, to and including August 26, 1998 and the fee (\$400.00) in payment for such extension is filed herewith. Authorization is granted hereby for the charge of any further fee supporting entry of the accompanying response to our Deposit Account 18-1644.

Respectfully submitted,

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